

## **Memorandum**

**To:** South Carolina Certified Laboratories and Interested Parties

**From:** Carol F. Smith, Director  
Office of Environmental Laboratory Certification

**Date:** July 8, 2008

**Subj:** Stakeholder Meetings  
R. 61-30 Environmental Protection Fees

On June 27, 2008, a Notice of Drafting was published in the State Register proposing to amend S.C. Regulation 61-30, *Environmental Protection Fees* (R.61-30). The Department's Office of Environmental Laboratory Certification is requesting an increase to the laboratory certification fees. The fee increase is necessary to provide adequate funding to fully support the complete implementation of the Certification Program required by S.C. Regulation 61-81, State Environmental Laboratory Certification Regulation. The Notice of Drafting can be viewed on the Department's website in its Regulation Development Update at <http://www.scdhec.gov/administration/regs/>. Interested persons are invited to submit their views and recommendations in writing to Mr. Michael E. Rowe, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. To be considered, written comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 2008, the close of the drafting comment period.

Our program values the input of the regulated community and welcomes the opportunity to discuss with you this proposal to increase the certification fees. Stakeholder meetings are scheduled for Greenville, Charleston, and Columbia for the dates and times below:

Charleston, SC	July 30, 2008    10:00 AM Region 7 EQC 1362 McMillan Ave, Suite 300 Charleston, SC 29405
Greenville, SC	Aug. 6, 2008    10:00 AM Region 2 EQC, 301 University Ridge, Bauer Board Room Conference Room H Greenville, SC 29601-3677
Columbia, SC	Aug. 7, 2008    10:00 AM Bureau of Land and Waste Management, Stern Bldg. Room 2102 8911 Farrow Rd. Columbia, SC 29223

If you would like to attend one of these stakeholder meetings, please contact our office at (803)896-0970. This will ensure that we have adequate space. We can also provide you with directions, if needed.

This is your opportunity to provide input concerning the certification fees and possible direction for our program. If you have any questions concerning the Notice of Drafting for R.61-30 and/or the stakeholder meetings, please contact me at (803)896-0992.

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